

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS and  
MACON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, individually and  
on behalf of all other counties in the State of  
Illinois,**

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**No. 14-1320-DRH**

**TRINITY HIGHWAYS, INC. and  
TRINITY HIGHWAY PRODUCTS, LLC,**

**Defendants.**

**ORDER**

**HERNDON, District Judge:**

This matter is before the Court *sua sponte* for case management. On April 25, 2017, plaintiffs filed a reply to defendants' response to their motion for clarification (Doc. 178). A review of the reply reveals that it violates Local Rule 7.1(c) in that the reply does not set forth "circumstances" much less "exceptional circumstances" as required by Local Rule 7.1(c).<sup>1</sup> Thus, the Court **STRIKES** the reply brief (Doc. 178).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed this 3rd day of May, 2017.

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Judge David R.  
Herndon  
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**United States District Judge**

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<sup>1</sup> Local Rule 7.1(c) provides in part: "**Reply briefs are not favored and should be filed only in exceptional circumstances.** The party filing the reply brief should state the exceptional circumstances." Local Rule 7.1(c) (emphasis in original).